REMARKS

Applicants' February 20, 2008 Amendment included an unexecuted Declaration by Dr. Egon Haden. Applicants respectfully request that the attached executed Declaration by Dr. Egon Haden be entered of record.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the attached executed Declaration when reviewing Applicants' arguments and amendments in the Amendment filed February 20, 2008.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq., Reg. No. 43,575 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Executed Declaration by Dr. Egon Haden (10 pages)